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Sir:

In response to the August 9, 2002 Office Action, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks:

In the August 9, 2002 office action, claims 1-24 were rejected under section 103(a) over US Patent No. 5,850,522 to Wlaschin in view of US Patent No. 6,256,673 to Gayman. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-24.

There are three independent claims pending in this application: claims 1, 8 and 17.

Independent Claim 1 specifies a method that includes identifying portions of a file system, such as sectors, etc., that were previously stored by the client. In the office action, the Examiner said Wlaschin disclosed this element at column 7, lines 35-51. The Examiner is incorrect. Wlaschin

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